

(1) Greater scope or size than normally experienced for a particular category of action.

(2) Potential for degradation, even though slight, of already existing poor environmental conditions. Also, initiation of degrading influence, activity, or effect in areas not already significantly modified from their natural condition.

(3) Employment of unproven technology.

(4) Presence of threatened or endangered species and their habitats, archaeological materials, historical places, or other protected resources.

(5) Use of hazardous or toxic substances that may come in contact with the surrounding natural environment. Nevertheless, a categorical exclusion exists for use of hazardous and toxic substances under adequately controlled conditions within established laboratory buildings that are designed for, and in compliance with, regulatory standards. Adequately controlled conditions includes complying with AR 385-10 and all other applicable Army safety and preventive medicine regulations for the processing of hazardous and toxic substances, and complying with the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) for their disposal.

(6) Proposed actions affecting areas of critical environmental concern. These include, but are not limited to, prime or unique agricultural lands, wetlands, coastal zones, wilderness areas, aquifers, floodplains, or wild and scenic river areas.

(c) Determine whether all the screening criteria in appendix A are true for the proposal.

(d) If the proposed action qualifies for one of the CX, no analytical environmental document is necessary. However, if a REC (Figure 3) is required by the CX listing in appendix A, a REC will be completed and signed by the proponent. Consultation between the proponent and the installation environmental coordinator is required.

§ 651.18 CX actions.

Types of actions that normally qualify for CX are listed in appendix A.

§ 651.19 Modification of the CX list.

The Army list of CXs is subject to continual review and modification. Send, for review, requested additional modifications to the Army Environmental Office. Subordinate Army headquarters may not modify the CX list through supplements to this regulation. Upon approval, proposed modifications to the list of CXs will be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER by the Army Environmental Office. This provides an opportunity for public review and comment.

Subpart E—Environmental Assessment (EA)

§ 651.20 Introduction.

An EA is made to determine the extent of environmental impacts of a project and decide whether or not those impacts are significant. It is not required for actions that are subject to categorical exclusion or exclusion from environmental review by law. (See 40 CFR 1508.9.) The EA is described in § 651.14(b).

§ 651.21 Conditions requiring an EA.

An EA is required when the proposed action has the potential for—

(a) Cumulative impact on environmental quality when combining effects of other actions or when the proposed action is of lengthy duration.

(b) Release of harmful radiation or hazardous/toxic chemicals into the environment.

(c) Violation of pollution abatement Standards.

(d) Some harm to culturally or ecologically sensitive areas.

§ 651.22 Actions normally requiring an EA.

The following actions normally require an EA:

(a) Special field training exercise or test activity on Army land of a nature or magnitude not within the annual installation training cycle.

(b) Military construction, including contracts for off-post construction.

(c) An installation pesticide, fungicide, herbicide, insecticide, and rodenticide-use program.